

REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests consideration of the application in view of the comments that follow and the form of the claims as presented in the specification submitted concurrently herewith.

Status of the Claims

In the Action, Claims 1-3, 12, 14-17, 19, 21 and 23-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,036,040 to Graizzaffi (hereinafter "Graizzaffi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,507,259 to Lankford (hereinafter "Lankford") or U.S. Patent No. 5,927,114 to Berry (hereinafter "Berry").

The Rejections under Section 103

Claim 1:

Current Claim 1 corresponds to Claim 3 of the Parent Application, with certain amendments, and recites:

1. A tool for remotely turning a key, the tool comprising:
 - a) a key unit including an engagement assembly adapted to engage the key;
 - b) an operator unit including a control assembly;
 - c) first and second cable segments linking the key unit and the operator unit such that the engagement assembly can be mechanically rotated via the first and second cable segments by manipulation of the control assembly to thereby selectively rotate the key when the key is engaged by the engagement assembly in each of a first rotative direction and a second rotative direction; and
 - d) wherein the first and second cable segments are connected to the engagement assembly and the control assembly such that the first cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly in the first rotative direction and the second cable segment is pulled when the control assembly is operated to rotate the engagement assembly in the second rotative direction.¹

¹ Underlining in the claims indicates language that was added to the claims as presented in the Parent Application.